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## Wisconsin Local Employment & Unemployment Estimates Released

MADISON – The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) today released the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) estimates of unemployment and employment statistics for metro areas, major cities, and counties in Wisconsin. The estimates include updates for October 2016 and the preliminary estimates for November 2016. As these numbers are not seasonally adjusted, they are most appropriately compared year-over-year instead of month-over-month as rates often increase in the colder winter months due to the seasonality of the state economy. In brief, the not-seasonally adjusted estimates showed:

- **Metropolitan Statistical Areas:** Preliminary November 2016 unemployment rates decreased in all areas over the year when compared to November 2015. The largest over the year decline was 0.8 percent in Janesville-Beloit. The not-seasonally adjusted data also showed rates decreased or stayed the same in 11 of the 12 metro areas when compared to October 2016 rates. The latest rates ranged from 2.7 percent in Madison to 4.4 percent in Racine.
- **Municipalities:** Preliminary November 2016 rates decreased in all of the state's 32 largest municipalities when compared to November 2015. The latest rates ranged from 2.5 percent in Fitchburg to 5.4 percent in Racine. The not-seasonally adjusted data also showed rates decreased or stayed the same in 21 of the 32 municipalities when compared to October 2016 rates.
- **Counties:** Preliminary October 2016 rates decreased in all 72 counties when compared to November 2015 rates, and decreased or remained the same in 24 of 72 counties when compared to October 2016 rates. The latest rates ranged from 2.7 percent in Lafayette and Dane to 6.9 percent in Menominee.

The release of the November 2016 local rates follows last week's release of BLS monthly estimates showing a preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 4.1 percent in November 2016, maintaining its lowest rate since February 2001. The state also added a significant 30,400 total non-farm jobs over the year ending in November 2016.

Other indicators of the state of Wisconsin's economy include:

- Year 2016 initial UI claims are running at their lowest level since 1989.
- Continuing unemployment claims in Wisconsin are running the lowest in at least the past 30 years.
- Wisconsin's labor force participation rate outpaces the national rate by 5.7 percentage points.
- Wisconsin was one of only 10 states with an annual average unemployment rate in 2015 lower than 2007, the year that the Great Recession began.
- Wisconsin had the nation's twelve-highest percentage growth in average weekly private-sector wages from June 2015 to June 2016, according to state-by-state Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW) data.

# Labor Force and Employment Estimates November 2016

## STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Nov-16	Oct-16	Nov-15	1-Month	1-Year	Nov-16	Oct-16	Nov-15	1-Month	1-Year
Total labor force	3,136,700	3,135,100	3,105,500	1,600	31,200	3,133,000	3,134,700	3,105,400	-1,700	27,600
Employment	3,009,600	3,005,700	2,962,800	3,900	46,800	3,020,500	3,024,500	2,976,000	-4,000	44,500
Unemployment	127,100	129,400	142,700	-2,300	-15,600	112,400	110,300	129,500	2,100	-17,100
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.1%	4.6%	0.0%	-0.5%	3.6%	3.5%	4.2%	0.1%	-0.6%
National Rate	4.6%	4.9%	5.0%	-0.3%	-0.4%	4.4%	4.7%	4.8%	-0.3%	-0.4%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

## MSA EMPLOYMENT

	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED					NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER		PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Nov-16	Oct-16	Nov-15	1-Month	1-Year	Nov-16	Oct-16	Nov-15	1-Month	1-Year
Statewide	2,933,500	2,935,400	2,903,100	-1,900	30,400	2,966,800	2,968,700	2,932,900	-1,900	33,900
Appleton	124,500	124,400	124,100	100	400	125,500	125,400	125,100	100	400
Eau Claire	85,900	85,300	85,200	600	700	87,500	86,800	86,800	700	700
Fond du Lac	48,700	48,600	48,500	100	200	49,000	49,100	48,800	-100	200
Green Bay	176,100	175,900	173,700	200	2,400	177,900	178,200	175,500	-300	2,400
Janesville	70,400	70,300	67,400	100	3,000	71,100	70,800	68,100	300	3,000
La Crosse	79,100	78,500	77,900	600	1,200	80,500	79,500	79,200	1,000	1,300
Madison										
Milwaukee-W. O.W.	855,200	857,300	857,200	-2,100	-2,000	399,700	399,800	399,000	-100	700
Oshkosh-Neenah	94,600	94,900	94,700	-300	-100	864,200	865,400	866,200	-1,200	-2,000
Racine	76,800	76,800	76,400	0	400	95,900	96,000	96,000	-100	-100
Sheboygan	61,500	61,500	61,000	0	500	77,400	77,400	77,000	0	400
Wausau	73,500	73,400	72,700	100	800	61,500	61,800	61,000	-300	500
						74,200	73,700	73,400	500	800

Note: The Seasonally Adjusted Madison MSA data is not available due to the restructuring of the MSA (addition of Green County).

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

## MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
	PRELIM.	FINAL	YEAR AGO	NET CHANGE OVER	
	Nov-16	Oct-16	Nov-15	1-Month	1-Year
Wisconsin	3.6%	3.5%	4.2%	0.1%	-0.6%
Appleton	3.1%	3.1%	3.5%	0.0%	-0.4%
Eau Claire	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%	0.0%	-0.6%
Fond du Lac	2.9%	2.9%	3.6%	0.0%	-0.7%
Green Bay	3.3%	3.2%	3.8%	0.1%	-0.5%
Janesville	3.8%	3.9%	4.6%	-0.1%	-0.8%
La Crosse	3.1%	3.1%	3.6%	0.0%	-0.5%
Madison	2.7%	2.7%	3.1%	0.0%	-0.4%
Milwaukee-W. O.W.	4.0%	4.0%	4.6%	0.0%	-0.6%
Oshkosh-Neenah	3.3%	3.3%	3.9%	0.0%	-0.6%
Racine	4.4%	4.4%	5.1%	0.0%	-0.7%
Sheboygan	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%	0.0%	-0.3%
Wausau	3.1%	3.1%	3.7%	0.0%	-0.6%

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Note: Seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates for MSAs are available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics website: <http://www.bls.gov/lau/metrossa.htm>.  
County and city unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

# Local Unemployment Rates November 2016

## CITIES

CITY	Nov-16 RANK	Oct-16 RANK	Nov-16 RATE	Oct-16 RATE	Nov-15 RATE
Appleton	23	22	3.4	3.4	3.7
Beloit	5	3	4.5	4.9	5.5
Brookfield	17	14	3.5	3.6	3.6
Caledonia	11	11	3.8	3.6	4.6
Eau Claire	29	29	3.0	3.0	3.5
Fitchburg	32	32	2.5	2.5	3.0
Fond du Lac	28	28	3.0	3.1	3.7
Franklin	16	19	3.5	3.4	4.2
Green Bay	12	12	3.7	3.6	4.2
Greenfield	6	9	4.2	3.9	4.7
Janesville	9	8	4.1	4.0	4.7
Kenosha	3	4	4.7	4.6	5.3
La Crosse	22	17	3.4	3.5	4.1
Madison	30	30	2.7	2.7	3.0
Manitowoc	8	7	4.1	4.2	4.9
Menomonee Falls	25	25	3.3	3.3	3.6

CITY	Nov-16 RANK	Oct-16 RANK	Nov-16 RATE	Oct-16 RATE	Nov-15 RATE
Milwaukee	2	2	5.1	5.2	6.0
Mount Pleasant	7	6	4.1	4.2	4.4
Neenah	27	23	3.2	3.4	3.7
New Berlin	21	21	3.4	3.4	3.6
Oak Creek	20	16	3.4	3.5	3.6
Oshkosh	15	18	3.5	3.4	4.0
Racine	1	1	5.4	5.3	6.3
Sheboygan	13	15	3.6	3.5	3.8
Stevens Point	19	27	3.4	3.1	3.9
Sun Prairie	31	31	2.6	2.6	3.0
Superior	10	10	4.0	3.8	4.5
Waukesha	26	26	3.2	3.2	3.7
Wausau	14	13	3.5	3.6	4.0
Wauwatosa	18	20	3.4	3.4	3.5
West Allis	4	5	4.6	4.6	5.1
West Bend	24	24	3.3	3.3	3.9

## COUNTIES

### Alphabetical Order

COUNTY	Nov-16 RANK	Oct-16 RANK	Nov-16 RATE	Oct-16 RATE	Nov-15 RATE
Adams	8	6	5.2	4.7	6.5
Ashland	12	14	4.8	4.2	5.8
Barron	38	37	3.6	3.4	4.4
Bayfield	3	4	6.1	4.8	7.9
Brown	48	46	3.3	3.2	3.8
Buffalo	32	30	3.8	3.6	4.3
Burnett	7	8	5.2	4.6	6.6
Calumet	70	70	2.8	2.8	3.2
Chippewa	44	41	3.4	3.3	4.1
Clark	64	50	3.1	3.2	3.7
Columbia	63	63	3.1	3.0	3.8
Crawford	28	24	4.0	3.9	5.1
Dane	72	72	2.7	2.7	3.0
Dodge	57	55	3.2	3.1	4.0
Door	17	40	4.4	3.3	6.2
Douglas	11	10	4.9	4.5	5.0
Dunn	47	45	3.3	3.2	3.9
Eau Claire	66	64	3.0	3.0	3.4
Florence	4	3	5.6	5.2	6.8
Fond du Lac	68	66	2.9	2.9	3.6
Forest	6	5	5.3	4.8	6.6
Grant	56	54	3.2	3.1	3.9
Green	69	69	2.8	2.8	3.3
Green Lake	22	18	4.3	4.1	5.1
Iowa	67	68	2.9	2.8	3.6
Iron	2	2	6.3	5.9	7.6
Jackson	37	36	3.6	3.4	4.2
Jefferson	41	33	3.5	3.5	3.8
Juneau	24	27	4.2	3.7	4.7
Kenosha	23	17	4.2	4.2	4.8
Kewaunee	62	60	3.1	3.1	3.6
La Crosse	61	59	3.1	3.1	3.7
Lafayette	71	71	2.7	2.7	3.4
Langlade	21	16	4.3	4.2	5.5
Lincoln	31	28	3.8	3.7	4.4
Manitowoc	34	29	3.7	3.7	4.6

COUNTY	Nov-16 RANK	Oct-16 RANK	Nov-16 RATE	Oct-16 RATE	Nov-15 RATE
Marathon	60	58	3.1	3.1	3.7
Marinette	10	7	4.9	4.7	5.5
Marquette	14	19	4.5	4.0	5.6
Menominee	1	1	6.9	6.4	7.8
Milwaukee	13	9	4.6	4.6	5.3
Monroe	29	43	3.9	3.2	4.0
Oconto	36	31	3.6	3.6	4.6
Oneida	20	26	4.3	3.8	5.1
Outagamie	55	53	3.2	3.1	3.6
Ozaukee	59	57	3.1	3.1	3.5
Pepin	54	67	3.2	2.8	3.5
Pierce	33	35	3.7	3.4	3.8
Polk	26	32	4.1	3.5	4.4
Portage	53	52	3.2	3.1	3.9
Price	25	22	4.1	4.0	4.2
Racine	16	12	4.4	4.4	5.1
Richland	52	49	3.2	3.2	3.8
Rock	30	25	3.8	3.9	4.6
Rusk	15	15	4.4	4.2	5.1
Sauk	46	51	3.3	3.1	3.9
Sawyer	5	11	5.3	4.4	7.4
Shawano	40	39	3.5	3.4	4.4
Sheboygan	51	48	3.2	3.2	3.5
St. Croix	43	44	3.4	3.2	3.6
Taylor	35	61	3.6	3.0	3.7
Trempealeau	65	65	3.0	2.9	3.5
Vernon	50	62	3.2	3.0	3.8
Vilas	9	13	4.9	4.2	6.8
Walworth	39	38	3.5	3.4	4.3
Washburn	19	21	4.3	4.0	5.0
Washington	58	56	3.1	3.1	3.4
Waukesha	49	47	3.2	3.2	3.6
Waupaca	42	34	3.4	3.5	4.2
Waushara	18	20	4.3	4.0	5.7
Winnebago	45	42	3.3	3.3	3.9
Wood	27	23	4.0	3.9	4.7

# Local Unemployment Rates November 2016

## COUNTIES

Ascending Order

COUNTY	Nov-16 RATE	Oct-16 RATE	Nov-15 RATE	COUNTY	Nov-16 RATE	Oct-16 RATE	Nov-15 RATE
Dane	2.7	2.7	3.0	Oconto	3.6	3.6	4.6
Lafayette	2.7	2.7	3.4	Taylor	3.6	3.0	3.7
Calumet	2.8	2.8	3.2	Manitowoc	3.7	3.7	4.6
Green	2.8	2.8	3.3	Pierce	3.7	3.4	3.8
Fond du Lac	2.9	2.9	3.6	Buffalo	3.8	3.6	4.3
Iowa	2.9	2.8	3.6	Lincoln	3.8	3.7	4.4
Eau Claire	3.0	3.0	3.4	Rock	3.8	3.9	4.6
Trempealeau	3.0	2.9	3.5	Monroe	3.9	3.2	4.0
Clark	3.1	3.2	3.7	Crawford	4.0	3.9	5.1
Columbia	3.1	3.0	3.8	Wood	4.0	3.9	4.7
Kewaunee	3.1	3.1	3.6	Polk	4.1	3.5	4.4
La Crosse	3.1	3.1	3.7	Price	4.1	4.0	4.2
Marathon	3.1	3.1	3.7	Juneau	4.2	3.7	4.7
Ozaukee	3.1	3.1	3.5	Kenosha	4.2	4.2	4.8
Washington	3.1	3.1	3.4	Green Lake	4.3	4.1	5.1
Dodge	3.2	3.1	4.0	Langlade	4.3	4.2	5.5
Grant	3.2	3.1	3.9	Oneida	4.3	3.8	5.1
Outagamie	3.2	3.1	3.6	Washburn	4.3	4.0	5.0
Pepin	3.2	2.8	3.5	Waushara	4.3	4.0	5.7
Portage	3.2	3.1	3.9	Door	4.4	3.3	6.2
Richland	3.2	3.2	3.8	Racine	4.4	4.4	5.1
Sheboygan	3.2	3.2	3.5	Rusk	4.4	4.2	5.1
Vernon	3.2	3.0	3.8	Marquette	4.5	4.0	5.6
Waukesha	3.2	3.2	3.6	Milwaukee	4.6	4.6	5.3
Brown	3.3	3.2	3.8	Ashland	4.8	4.2	5.8
Dunn	3.3	3.2	3.9	Douglas	4.9	4.5	5.0
Sauk	3.3	3.1	3.9	Marinette	4.9	4.7	5.5
Winnebago	3.3	3.3	3.9	Vilas	4.9	4.2	6.8
Chippewa	3.4	3.3	4.1	Adams	5.2	4.7	6.5
St. Croix	3.4	3.2	3.6	Burnett	5.2	4.6	6.6
Waupaca	3.4	3.5	4.2	Forest	5.3	4.8	6.6
Jefferson	3.5	3.5	3.8	Sawyer	5.3	4.4	7.4
Shawano	3.5	3.4	4.4	Florence	5.6	5.2	6.8
Walworth	3.5	3.4	4.3	Bayfield	6.1	4.8	7.9
Barron	3.6	3.4	4.4	Iron	6.3	5.9	7.6
Jackson	3.6	3.4	4.2	Menominee	6.9	6.4	7.8